IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

FRIDAY, THE TWENTY FIFTH DAY OF JUNE
TWO THOUSAND AND FOUR

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE MR JUSTICE S.ANANDA REDDY

WRIT PETITION NO : 10503 of 2004

Between:
Citizen Club, at Plot No.1, Chandragiri Colony, Tirumalgherry, Secunderabad, rep.by its General Secretary
Sri V.Ramesh Kumar, S/o V.V.Rao, 32 years, Business
R/o 5-1-103/109, Padmarao Nagar, Hyderabad.
..... PETITIONER

AND

1 The Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad.
2 The Deputy Commissioner of Police, North Zone, Hyderabad.
3 The Assistant Commissioner of Police, Begumpet, Hyderabad.
4 The Station House Officer, Thirumalgherry, Secunderabad.
5 The Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police, Task Force, Hyderabad.
.....RESPONDENTS

Petition under Article 226 of the constitution of India praying that in the circumstances stated in the Affidavit filed herein the High Court will be pleased to issue an appropriate Writ, Order or direction, particularly one in the nature of Writ of Mandamus, declaring the illegal intereference of the respondents in the lawful activities of the writ petitioner and its members and guests, as illegal, improper, against to the provisions of Article 21 of the Constitution of India, as well as against to the principles of natural justice, while issuing a consequential directions to the respondents not to interfere with the lawful activities of the Writ petitioner and its members and guests, in their lawful activities viz. playing chess, carroms, table tennis, playing cards (13-Cards Rummy with syndicate), library, gim, and other skill games as per the petitioners bye-laws

Counsel for the Petitioner: Mr. R. Maheedhar Reddy, Advocate

Counsel for the Respondents: The GP for Home

The Court made the following ORDER:

This writ petition is filed by the petitioner-Club aggrieved by the action of the respondents in interfering with its lawful activities such as playing chess, carroms, table tennis, playing cards (13-cards Rummy with syndicate), library, Gym and other skill games, by its members and other guests.

2. At the time of hearing, it is represented that the matter is covered by a judgment of this Court reported in **TWIN CITIES CINEMA CULTURAL CENTRE Vs. COMMISSIONER OF POLICE, ANDHRA PRADESH, HYDERABAD AND OTHERS** (W.A.No.1167 of 2002)[1] and therefore, sought for similar order.

3. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner and the learned Government Pleader for Home.

4. In *Twin Cities Cinema Cultural Centre case, a* Division Bench of this Court passed the following order:

> "……. the police authorities cannot obstruct the writ petitioner-Club from conducting card room where the members and guests of the writ petitioner's cultural center are allowed to play the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). At the same time, we make it clear that the police is always at liberty to enter the premises and check as to whether the cultural center of the Club is conducting card room where the members and guests of petitioner's cultural center are playing the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game) for the purpose of verification. If they receive any intimation, the police may enter the club and verify the same and proceed further if the members and guests of writ petitioner's cultural center play other than the game of rummy with stakes/syndicate (thirteen card game). The

police authorities are also at liberty to proceed with the cases, which are already registered. The writ appeal is disposed of accordingly."

5. Following the said order, the writ petition is disposed of in the same terms.

25.06.2004

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To

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